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In Re Application of: Sherwood **Conf. #:** 2302
Serial No.: 09/944,779 **Art Unit:** 1764
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Title: FILTER SYSTEM AND
PARTICULATE FILTER UNIT
THEREFOR **Examiner:** Tran, Hien

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 20, 2004. Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II (claims 9-25 and 27-30), with traverse.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is filed herewith and should be treated as a constructive petition for the purpose of extending the period for responding to the above-described Office Action for one (1) month from October 20, 2004 to November 20, 2004. As such, this Response is timely filed.